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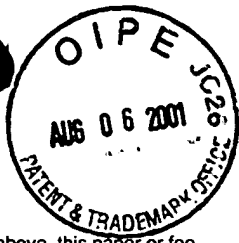
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In re Application of: Sailesh CHITTIPEDDI; Sailesh Mansinh MERCHANT

Serial No.: 09/467,253

Unit: 2815

Filed: December 20, 1999

Examiner: C. Chu

For: WIRE BONDING METHOD FOR COPPER INTERCONNECTS IN SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICES

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed July 10, 2001, kindly consider the following remarks.

It is believed that an extension of time fee is not required with this response. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiency in fee, if needed, to deposit Account No. 04-0100.

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested. Claims 1-20 are pending and are at issue.

RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

The Examiner has required restriction among the claims of:

Group I (claims 1-15) drawn to a wire bonding method, classified in class 438, subclass 1+.

Group II (claims 16-20) drawn to a semiconductor device, classified in class 257, subclass 734.

In response, solely to be responsive to the requirement for restriction, Applicants provisionally elect with traverse to prosecute the invention of Group I, claim 1-15, drawn to piezoelectric ceramic resonator.


CONCLUSION

In view of the above remarks, withdrawal of the restriction requirement is respectfully requested.

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